

4. (Amended) A plasma treatment apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the elevator mechanism moves down the lower electrode to a position where the mounting portion faces the opening portion.

Please add new Claims 11-13 as follows:

11. (New) A plasma treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the conductive chamber includes a peripheral side wall and bottom wall having the floor portion, and

the conductive wall body includes a cylindrical conductive member having a lower end connected to the bottom wall of the conductive chamber and an upper free end, and a ring shaped baffle plate having an inner edge portion connected to the free end of the cylindrical conductive member and an outer edge connected to the peripheral side wall of the conductive chamber, so that the conductive wall body is fixed to the conductive chamber and electrically connected thereto.

12. (New) A plasma treatment apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

a conductive tubular member disposed between the elevator mechanism and the conductive member; and

said power supply system including a matching device electrically connected to the peripheral side wall of the conductive chamber through the conductive wall body conductive member and conductive tubular member.

13. (New) A plasma treatment apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:  
an insulating member attached to and covering the lower electrode; and  
another conductive member attached to and covering the insulating member;  
said conductive member including an extensible bellows having a lower end fixed to  
the bottom wall of the conductive chamber and an upper end fixed to said another conductive  
member,

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said conductive tubular member connected to said another conductive member at an  
upper end of said conductive tubular member, and

said insulating member, another conductive member and conductive tubular member  
being movable with the lower electrode.

#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the  
following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are presently active in this case, Claims 1 and 4 having been amended  
and Claims 11-13 added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 USC §112, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
para., as being indefinite; Claims 1, 2 and 7-10 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as being  
unpatentable over Tomoyasu et al (EP 0678903A1) in view of Kawakami et al (JP 06-  
333879A); Claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over  
Tomoyasu et al in view of Kawakami et al and in further view of Arami et al. (US  
5,474,643); Claims 5-6 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over  
Tomoyasu et al in view of Kawakami et al and Arami et al. in further view of Washitani et  
al. (JP 04-240726 A).